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## GENTLEMEN LEFT WITHOUT PARTNERS!

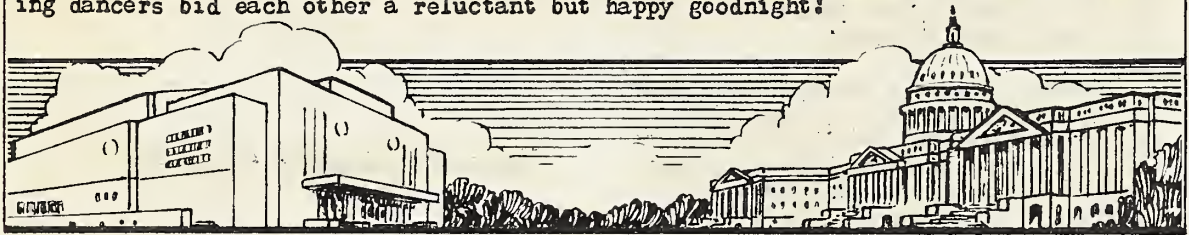
Yes, gentlemen were left without partners! It happened during a Paul Jones at the Farm Credit Club dance on February 15 attended by almost 200 members. The ladies were happy that they had worn their most charming gowns when they saw the large number of males arriving, and the party seemed just like old times when a small stag line formed during the evening.

Arriving inside the lantern-lighted door of the Advertising Club where the dance was held, guests were greeted by the gay laughter of the bingo players in the LaFonda room and strains of alluring music by Earl Coleman's orchestra in the banquet room. A welcome was extended by hostesses Louise Pressgrove, Agnes Nemanich, Bernice Nilson, and Katherine Delany.

During the evening, dancers heard snatches of popular tunes sung by that genius of entertainment, Walt Hein, and occasionally Alma Day filled the air with the words of "Only Make Believe" and other songs. Curly-haired Chuck Nelson stopped dancing long enough to take over the drums while Pat Ross accompanied him at the piano.

At intermission Elbert Smith entertained with his funny reminiscences and forecasts. However, Paul Rapp did not enjoy the story Elbert told on him, for he had become sleepy and the front door had closed on his coattails a half hour before.

Midnight came, and when committeemen Walt Hein and George Hinde said, "shall we dance another half hour?" there was a loud chorus of "yeas" from the dancers. Half past midnight arrived and sentiment was strong to stay "just 30 minutes more." Finally when the hands of the clock reached 1 a.m. the boys got together and said "this can't go on forever, so we had better stop now." The music ceased and the lingering dancers bid each other a reluctant but happy goodnight!



# Editorial Staff

Upon receipt of special Farm Credit Club membership fee of 50¢, the Grapevine will be mailed for 1 year to former employees of the FCA. It is sent free to all servicemen.

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## SERVICEMEN'S NEWS

L. E. Mullally, Maj. JAGD  
Foreign Liquidation Commission  
New Development Building  
Headquarters, China Theater

A.P.O. 971  
January 22, 1946

Dear Friends,

I received your Christmas card today. It followed me from Ann Arbor to Detroit, New York, Washington and finally, to here. It was good to be remembered by people who were 12,000 miles and four and a half years distant.

I am serving here as General Counsel of the Foreign Liquidation Commission. We are charged with the disposal of all U. S. owned surplus property in China. Our main office is in Shanghai which is the most Westernized city I've seen

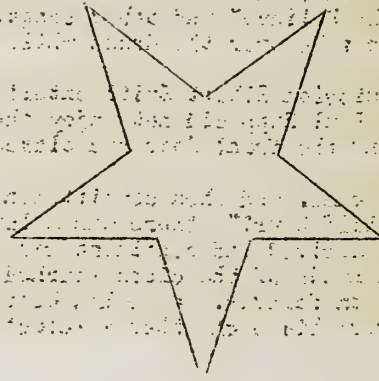
since leaving the States. Our operations have, however, brought me to Kuming, Nanking, Soochow, and Hangchow which are more typically Chinese.

Before leaving Washington, D.C. I saw "Baldy" Balderson who had returned from two and a half years of duty in India. Having been in India for two weeks myself I fully realize how happy he was to get back to the States. My own return is scheduled for 30 June or prior thereto.

Until then, and with my belated good wishes for a Happy and Successful New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence E. Mullally



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## POCKETBOOK EPISODES

Two pocketbook episodes furnished exciting conversation in the Information Division during a recent week.

Fat Combs, running from the skating rink at 31st and Gillham Road to an awaiting car, dropped her purse. When the loss was discovered a diligent search was made at the scene and an ad was placed in the newspaper, both without result. However, Fat was lucky for 2 days later the owner of a car which had been parked on the street found the purse on the running board of his car and returned it to her intact.

Grace Stokes, walking down Broadway to work one morning, met three half-grown boys who in passing snatched her purse from her hand. A chase of the thieves availed Grace nothing but a loss of breath. Later a filling station owner found the purse on his premises and returned it to her, but it had been stripped of all the money.

## SUNDAY SERVICE.

Sweet rolls and coffee served by Rose Fleming, Pearl Ferguson, Louise Pressgrove, Alma Day, Eugene Norton and Fersis Gray, tasted mighty good to the hungry men who visited the Service Men's Club on Pershing Road, Sunday, February 17. The Farm Credit Club furnished the sweet rolls.

Post issue date feature:

## DON A "DON"

Who is "Nelly Don?" "She" is a dress whose predecessor was born in the attic of a woman too poor to buy "store" clothes. Beginning with kitchen aprons, Nelly Donnelly ex-

perimented with designing dresses for her neighbors as well as herself. From this small start has grown the "largest dress factory in the world, with accounts in every State in the union,"

according to a guide who conducted one of the three tours of 63 FCA employees and their guests through the Donnelly Garment Co., at 1828 Walnut Street, on February 22.

The intricate job of making attractive, moderately priced dresses for women of varying sizes begins on the 9th floor of the building where the creation originates in the mind of the designer. Her brainchild is transferred to a paper pattern, and a sample dress is cut out and sewed to discover the "bugs" in it. If the design clicks, the assembly line job of producing the dress is set in motion.

After the pattern is photographed on a single sheet of paper, it is stapled to piles of fabric laid out on 30-foot tables, each 20 layers of cloth separated by a sheet of paper. A cutter goes to work on this material, sometimes 200 layers thick, using a machine which slices the mound with neatness and precision.

Text in line are the sewers. Each woman stitches a different part of the dress, perhaps the sleeves, or the belt, or the side seams. "Best operators in the world," the enthusiastic guide volunteered, and after watching the swift, rhythmic, unceasing motion of the white graced women, we saw no reason to doubt him. Electrically driven power machines, some of them of Rube Goldberg design, kept up a constant roar and clatter. Several girls controlled embroidery machines which pounded with such force that the operators would have experienced practically the same vibration if they had been guiding pneumatic drills.

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# Strictly Personal



Administrative Accounts. Mary Rossman who recently departed for Baltimore where her husband has a small cottage awaiting her, was honored at a luncheon at the El Casbah Room of the Hotel Bellerive. At the luncheon Waverly Haynes became the central entertainer when the representative of the Arthur Murray School of Dancing, asked her to rumba with him. Fourteen girls attended, including former FCA'ers Lucille Jacomet, Josephine Hall, Dotty Owen, and Yvonne Meuers. As a parting gift Mary's many friends in Farm Credit presented her with a beautiful blanket. ...Betty DeGraffenreid was away from her desk on sick leave for several days. ...Bill Holman had guests from Webster, Iowa, over a weekend...J.L. Wilkinson's daughter, Peggy Goodrich, brought her lovely 4 months' old daughter, Margaret Allen, into the office for friends to see...A weekend bus trip to Joplin, Mo., and stay at the Hotel Connor was a recent pleasure of Sarah Schneider... Dorothy Martin, with her husband, Harry, is visiting old acquaintances in D.C.... Before Bill Durloo had time to get lonesome following the departure of his family for Washington, he was "adopted" by the R.L.Crim family and is presently residing with them in Lenexa, Kans... Answering the call of the West, Eileen Hague has extended her California vacation to permanent residence, transferring to the Navy Department in San Diego...Letha Johnson has told former coworkers that her husband is back home from overseas...Ruth Elliott, with her husband, Dick, journeyed to her home in Humboldt, Kans., for a weekend...Lucy Miller visited former coworkers in Pay Roll Unit recently and showed off her infant daughter, Beverly Sue.

Cooperative. Evelyn Sell from the Stenographic Pool is on detail in the Treasurer's office. The welcome mat is out for Hubert Calvelage who has arrived from the Louisville EC to serve as coordinator in the district bank subdivision.

Economic & Credit Research. Barbara Massey, in departing for New York with her husband, was honored at a farewell luncheon at the Drum Room of the Hotel President and presented an electric iron and a corsage of lovely red roses.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. Lt. Commander C. A. Woolard, on terminal leave from the Maritime Service, was a recent visitor in the division. Commander Woolard was at one time in charge of the EC&FL program in Hawaii and also supervisor there of the Federal credit union work.

Examination. It is evident that some people "live right," among them Kay McCarthy, Hester Eads, Belva Valliant, and Agnes Nemanich who recently received through the mail two pairs of nylon hose from a local department store - no standing, no waiting!...Eileen Fascher and former FCA'er Dorothy Campbell spent a weekend with friends in Enid, Okla... Puts us in a gay mood to see the red suspenders of Chuck Nelson, wearer of colorful sports clothes!

F&A Executive & General. Verna Brewer has returned to her desk following a 5 weeks' rest and recovery from an operation...A recent guest of Mildred Kern is her sister, Mrs. Leon Bond, and Mr. Bond of Baytown, Texas.

Finance Subdivision. Olga Markham was called to Butler, Mo., where her father is in a hospital following injury in a fall...Joan Slusher's mother is at home after a long period of hospitalization.. Helen Thorpe spent a week at her home in Mayfield, Ky...Valentine Day flowers



adorning the desks of Dixie Donelson and May Gregory were enjoyed by all...

General Files. Harry Schlick dropped in to visit, looking fine in civilian clothes and complaining not at all about the change from uniform...Recent guests of Eula Lee Collins were her sister and brother-in-law from Oklahoma City who arrived in time to greet the Kansas City snow storm...Nadine Jones weekendend at her home in Carthage, Mo...Albert Cunningham is back at his desk after a short struggle with a strep throat...On February 14 there arrived in the mail Valentines for several girls in the section from some unknown Romeo. "Who done it?"...Mary Freeze is absent from her desk recovering from several encounters with that "villain," the dentist....Shortly after we greeted veteran Ernest Thomas, he parted from FCA to join the Veterans Administration in Kansas City...Ted Grydyk is on detail in Personnel Division.

Graphic. Ethel Webb is recovering from a recent operation in St. Joseph Hospital....Duplicating Unit welcomes home veterans Willis Vail from the Navy and Kenneth Smith from the Army Engineers...Sam Weinberg is off for D. C. and the CR&S Division....Dorothy Carlstrom is vacationing at her home in Seattle, Wash....Deciding to keep Kansas City as her home, Irene Sharp parted from FCA to accept a position in private industry....Drafting Unit is glad to have newcomer Raoul LaNoue with it....For full details on how "not to light a gas furnace," see Bruce Denman, the man who knows!

Intermediate Credit. Catherine Fox has parted from FCA to accept a position with the War Department in D. C.

Library. Did you hear Louise Pressgrove's voice on radio station KCMO on the morn of February 9, discussing libraries of Kansas City?...Lucille Achauer is vacationing for 10 days in sunny Texas...

Ruth Polson weekendend at her home in Carthage, Mo.

Mail. Veteran John Theis ended his short stay in the Mail Room by transferring to the Veterans Administration in Kansas City.

Personnel. Carietta Rech is back at her desk following a short siege of "practically" pneumonia...Marie Wassenberg was wished happiness as she departed to become a Kansas housewife....A gentleman from Ohio was a recent weekend guest of Jerry Lloyd...Cliff Goodson though up and about, is still at home recovering from a recent illness...It was a busy weekend for travelers recently when Elinor Mitchell took a trip to St. Joe, Mo., to see her brother, a dischgee; Ruby Jane Hall to Colorado; Jo Lindbloom to Kansas; and Katherine Delany to St. Louis.

Production Credit. Rolland Mars is welcomed back to the division after service with the Marines in the South Pacific area....Fulton Want is recovering from an operation in St. Luke's Hospital....Presently on eastern field trips are Vic Basart and Paul Fankhauser, both in the Baltimore and Columbia districts.

Purchase & Supply. Ginne Caldwell is back on the job following a 2 weekd' illness.. Warning - don't sit in front of Francis Smith at a hockey game! He recently tore up the hat of a gentleman ahead...Mrs. Marvin Van Cleave is in the hospital recovering from a recent illness.... Mary Terry attended the wedding of her sister-in-law, Jeanette Terry, at the Blessed Sacrament Church on February 14.

Stenographic. Judging from the crowd that gathered on a recent morning to the whoops and screams of Bettye Kramer and Flossie Dusselier, one would have thought it was Van Johnson appearing on the scene instead of a timid mouse...

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# Club Room Notes



New books recently received in the club library include:

MISS BUNTING by Angela Thirkell  
THE D. A. BREAKS A SEAL by Erle Stanley Gardner  
DANGEROUS GROUND by Francis Sill Wickware  
WASTELAND by Jo Sinclair  
SHADOW ON THE TRAIL by Zane Grey

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At long last the new dart board for the club room has arrived. Thanks are due Bob Yorkdale for the bargain he found---guess where---in a drug store whose name begins with "K."

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Do you want to see a marathon chess match? Drop into the club room any day during the lunch period and watch Art Hemstreet and Bob Yorkdale move the little men around.

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## ELEMENTARY BRIDGE

Each Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 the Beginners' Bridge Group applies the rules learned in a ten-week course of instruction last fall. Those in regular attendance usually make up three tables. If there are others who would like to join these weekly meetings, please contact Elizabeth Welch, Room 1315-b.

## ATTENTION GHA MEMBERS

Members or former members of Group Health Association in Washington

D.C., are requested to report their names and types of membership to Ann Buchanan, extension 188.

## CHEST X-RAYS

FCA General Memorandum No. 198 contained a notice of arrangements with Public Health Service for skin tests and chest X-rays of FCA employees. Club members will need no urging to take advantage of this entirely free service, which offers at the same time an opportunity to contribute to a research study being made by Public Health Service.

## PING PONG

Room 2201A, recently vacated by the Maritime Commission, now provides a new location for the Club's ping pong equipment. Already old enthusiasts of the game have enjoyed many sets during the lunch hour. The Club has purchased a supply of balls which will be sold at cost in the Clubroom between 12 and 1:30. For additional information and rules consult the bulletin boards.

## RED CROSS MONTH, 1946

By The President of the United States of America

## A Proclamation

Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate the month of March 1946 as Red Cross Month, and urge every citizen of this country to respond to the utmost of his ability in support of this indispensable humanitarian cause.

HARRY S. TRUMAN



# Sportlight




## FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

| Team               | Won | Lost | Pin Fall |
|--------------------|-----|------|----------|
| Legal              | 46  | 20   | 40,454   |
| Purchase           | 38  | 28   | 38,689   |
| Personnel          | 32  | 34   | 39,003   |
| Reports            | 32  | 34   | 38,556   |
| Finance & Accounts | 31  | 35   | 38,986   |
| Production Credit  | 31  | 35   | 36,308   |
| Audit              | 29  | 37   | 37,312   |
| Graphic            | 25  | 41   | 37,367   |

### Records

|     |         |       |
|-----|---------|-------|
| HTG | Reports | 740   |
| HIS | Reports | 2,021 |

|     |                 |     |
|-----|-----------------|-----|
| HIG | Carter - Palmer | 201 |
| HIS | Palmer          | 522 |

### Averages

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Palmer    | 136 |
| Terry     | 134 |
| Ruch      | 132 |
| Y. Meuers | 131 |

## FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

| Team             | Won | Lost | Pin Fall |
|------------------|-----|------|----------|
| Accounts         | 37  | 26   | 42,944   |
| Examination      | 35  | 28   | 47,356   |
| Harvesters       | 35  | 28   | 46,339   |
| Reports          | 34  | 29   | 43,591   |
| Graphic          | 33  | 30   | 47,190   |
| Field Accounting | 27  | 36   | 45,415   |
| Short-Term       | 27  | 36   | 43,173   |
| Bankers          | 24  | 39   | 42,364   |

### Actual

|     |        |     |
|-----|--------|-----|
| HIG | Olson  | 248 |
| HIS | Dahill | 634 |

|     |                  |       |
|-----|------------------|-------|
| HTG | Field Accounting | 924   |
| HIS | Examination      | 2,474 |

### Handicap

|     |                  |       |
|-----|------------------|-------|
| HIG | Field Accounting | 924   |
| HIS | Examination      | 2,474 |

### Big Three

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| Dahill   | 175-12 |
| Prewitt  | 167-27 |
| Bartlett | 163-42 |

Accounts added two in their win column after losing the first to Bankers, with Homan's 155-456 and Ludlow's 160-416 largely responsible.

Examination's Bartlett gave out with a timely 192-550 to lead his teammates to two wins over Short-Term. McWhirt's 192-504 was second, and Short-Term's 183-514 for Frazee and 159-458 for Thompson were only good enough to take the first.

Harvesters made a clean sweep of Field Accounting when all hands got torrid at once to collaborate on a 2335 set. Field Accounting drew a goose-egg for the evening as only Vince Johnson was able to better his average, bowling 188-448.

Report's Doug Lawrence decided he was "doing something wrong" when he missed a spare in his first (144), and proved it by posting a fat 202 to win the second for his team. Graphic had to be satisfied with the first and third, despite the fact that their bowlers were in good form, as evidenced by their team set of 2292.

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Over in China, we read, a man doesn't know his wife until after they're married. But why limit it to China?

STRICTLY PERSONAL  
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Farewells were said to Rosslyn McCampbell who accepted a position with the Veterans Administration in Kansas City... Peggy Frew Lindenmayer is welcomed back following a 2 years' absence, part of which time was spent with the WAVES.... Glad to have newcomer Fern Mayo in our midst.

Tabulating. Goodbyes are being said to Jeanne Gross who leaves FCA to accept a position with RFC in Kansas City.

Telephone. Helen Baughman departs on February 21 for Muskogee, Okla., with best wishes from all for happiness in her new position with the Veterans Administration.

DON A "DON"  
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Covered buttons and belts and "spaghetti" trim are also evolved to adorn the dresses.

After inspection, finished dresses go to the pressers who propel steam irons with the swiftness of light, if the naked eye is any judge. A special little gadget takes out wrinkles in the armholes. Pressed garments are hung on wire hangers and sent to the packing department, where each dress is folded on a sheet of thin cardboard, wrapped in paper and boxed. From then on, the costume is the baby of the order and shipping departments.

Work is done on a piece basis, and skilled operators earn anywhere from \$50 to \$80 a week, with the minimum wage \$26 a week. People must like working for the Donnelly Company, the guide surmised, for a number of the employees belong to a 15-year club.

The firm operates a cafeteria for its employees who in normal times total 1,300. Two nurses maintain the emergency room. 8

Remnants which sometimes run 3, 4, and 5 yards in length are sold to the public in the retail store in the plant every week day except Saturday, from 8:00 to 11:00 and from 1:00 to 4:30. Hours from 11:00 to 1:00 are reserved for sale to employees. Dresses considered not suitable for sale, or "rejects," are available to the employees and their immediate families for a nominal sum.

"Now this is a nice little number," our guide pointed out, "this red and white tissue gingham, with crystal buttons, and front trimmed with little scallops of white embroidery." But we didn't buy it, or any of the other vivid cotton, or delicately-tinted rayon, summer lovelies. Dresses are not sold to the public from 1828 Walnut. Try Jelleff's, in Washington, D. C.!

Only Right

An undertaker found a donkey lying dead in front of his premises and went to inform the police.

"What am I to do with it?" he asked the officer in charge.

The officer had a sense of humor. "Do with it?" he asked, with a grin. "Bury it, of course. You're an undertaker, aren't you?"

"That's true," replied the undertaker, "but I thought it only right to come round and inform the relatives first."

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The great nations are again about to become friends until debt do them part.

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Let him who doesn't wish to die yet diet.

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